

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 593

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Robert Evans, Jr. of Carthage.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Mr. Robert Evans, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was born April 7, 1931 in the community of Doyle in White County, the second son of the late Vera Strawther and Robert Evans, Sr. He was valedictorian of his class at Turner High School in Carthage and attended Selma Junior College and Volunteer State Community College, where he studied art; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans served his nation bravely for four years in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans met the love of his life, the former Margaret Brewington, at the Putnam County Fair in 1955; they were married February 10, 1956, and for the next 43 years celebrated the joys and sorrows of life as one; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Smith County, Mr. Evans was a highly respected member of the Carthage community; he was a 24-year veteran of the Carthage Fire Department, served as a Smith County Commissioner and as a Carthage City Councilman, and drove a bus for the Smith County school system for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans served with acumen as Director of the Cordell Hull Head Start program with an office in Lafayette and operations in Dixon Springs, Lafayette, Willette, North Springs, Shiloh, and Celina; he was also an accomplished artist and sign painter who owned and operated Evans Signs in Carthage for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans' works can be seen throughout the Upper Cumberland area. He painted store fronts, town signs, date signs for movies filmed by Columbia Pictures, and pictures of horses; he also owned walking horses and was a licensed Tennessee Walking Horse Judge; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans was an active and devout member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church for many years; he was active in Masonry, serving as Worshipful Master of the Cumberland Lodge #365 F&AM in 1998-99, and as a member of the Carthage Consistory #318 AASR; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Margaret, and was the proud parent of son, Trent Evans; daughters and sons-in-law, Lanette and George Tillman, Zina and Jacky King, and sons and daughters-in-law Byron and Lisa Evans, and Eric and Janice Evans; The Evanses were the doting grandparents of ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans served as vice president of the Smith County Little League for six years, for two years as president of the Smith County Little Girls Softball League, and served in various offices of the Smith County Babe Ruth League; he was also instrumental in the formation of the Smith County Quarterback Club; and

WHEREAS, Robert Evans leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Robert Evans, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Robert Evans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.